

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claims presented in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An interlabial pad for attaching between labia, comprising:
a water permeable surface side sheet facing a body side;
either a water permeable or water impermeable back side sheet facing a garment side; and
an absorbent body for absorbing body liquid, the absorbent body being enclosed in the water permeable surface side sheet and the either the water permeable or water impermeable back side sheet, which are bonded together,

wherein said absorbent body ~~includes~~ comprises:

a first absorbent body to form a first protruding area projecting ~~vertically~~ towards a body side from a first flat area, extending along a substantial center line in a longitudinal direction of said interlabial pad; and

a second absorbent body to form said first flat area having a substantial plane plate shape, the first protruding area of the absorbent body has a largest width at a portion closest to said first flat area of the second absorbent body ~~wherein said first absorbent body is folded in a mountain fold and enclosed in said protruding area~~, providing ~~one~~ one hollow part on the garment side of said first protruding area, and

wherein said first flat area and said first protruding area satisfy Formulas (1) to (3) shown below:

$$1 \leq H_1 / H_2 \leq 10$$

...Formula-(1)

$$1/3 \leq W_1 / W_2 \leq 5/6 \quad \text{--- Formula (2)}$$

$$1/3 \leq L_1 / L_2 \leq 1 \quad \text{--- Formula (3)}$$

where, H_1 is the apparent bulkiness of the first protruding area, H_2 is the apparent bulkiness of the first flat area, W_1 is the apparent maximum width of the ~~protruded~~ first protruding area, W_2 is the apparent maximum width of the first flat area, L_1 is the apparent maximum length of the first protruding area, and L_2 is the apparent maximum length of the first flat area.

2. (Original) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein H_1 in said Formula (1) is 5 to 30 mm, W_1 in said Formula (2) is 2 to 30 mm, L_1 in said Formula (3) is 20 to 150 mm.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a water permeable inner sheet,

wherein the inner sheet is provided on the garment side surface of said first absorbent body formed in a folded shape, and

wherein said inner sheet and said surface side sheet are bonded so as to enclose said first absorbent body between the inner sheet and the surface side sheet.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising a second protruding area projecting ~~vertically~~ towards a garment side, extending along the substantial center line in the longitudinal direction of said ~~flat area~~ interlabial pad,

wherein the second protruding area has a second flat area, and the second flat area is affixed to and overlapped by the first flat area of the second absorbent body

wherein the second protruding area continuously extends from the second flat area to the garment side.

7. (Previously presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 6, wherein a third absorbent body is folded and enclosed in said second protruding area towards the garment side, a hollow part is provided in the body side of said second protruded area.

8. (Previously presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein at least fibers for forming said water permeable surface side sheet in said protruding area and that of said first absorbent body are oriented in a lateral direction of said interlabial pad.

9. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising an adhesive portion for adhering the interlabial pad to a wearer's genital area on the body side surface of said flat area.

10. (Original) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

11. (Original) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein:

on the garment side of said back side sheet, a mini sheet piece is provided bonding one or more bonding areas in each side in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet and one or more unbonding areas in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; and

at least one of said one or two unbonding areas, between said mini sheet piece and said back side sheet, forms a finger insertion opening which can directly secure a fingerbreadth opening in the surface direction of said back side sheet.

12. (Original) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said interlabial pad is a pad for incontinence of urine.

13. (Original) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

14. (Original) A wrapping body, comprising:

an interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2; and

a wrapping container for individually wrapping the interlabial pad wherein the interlabial pad is enclosed in the wrapping container.

15. (Original) A wrapping body comprising:

an interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1 or 2 and

a wrapping container, having a break seal opening, for individually wrapping the interlabial pad,

wherein the interlabial pad is enclosed in the wrapping container;

wherein said interlabial pad is wrapped in said wrapping container so that a finger insertion opening opens towards said opening part.

16. (Previously presented) A wrapping body comprising:

an interlabial pad as claimed in claim 11 and

a wrapping container, having a break seal opening, for individually wrapping the interlabial pad,

wherein the interlabial pad is enclosed in the wrapping container;

wherein said interlabial pad is wrapped in said wrapping container so that a finger insertion opening opens towards said opening part; and

wherein said interlabial pad is enclosed in said wrapping container so that said mini sheet piece is folded towards the clothing direction along the substantial center line in the longitudinal direction of said interlabial pad.

17. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 6, wherein the interlabial pad has a single second protruding area.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent body is enclosed between the water permeable surface side sheet and the either the water permeable or water impermeable back side sheet, which are bonded together.

20. (New) The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the first protruding area has a triangle shape.

21. (New) The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the first protruding area has a dome shape.

22. (New) The interlabial pad according to claim 6, wherein the first protruding area and the second protruding area is substantially axisymmetric with regard to the first and second flat area.